

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 559

By Bailey

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Carolyn Mills Terry of Pikeville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Carolyn Mills Terry; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Terry was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for her fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, a proud member of the Bledsoe County High School Class of 1963, Mrs. Terry was a graduate of the Jay Rogers School of Beauty; and

WHEREAS, a lifelong resident of Bledsoe County, Carolyn Terry was the daughter of Willie Ruth Simmons Mills and C.D. Mills, Jr., who served as Bledsoe County Clerk for thirty-two years before his retirement; and

WHEREAS, following in her father's footsteps, Mrs. Terry began working with him in 1974 as the Deputy County Clerk of Bledsoe County; she was elected County Clerk in 1986, a position she held until her passing; and

WHEREAS, a beloved elected official, Carolyn Terry enjoyed serving the people of Bledsoe County and took time to talk to everyone who walked through the doors of the office; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terry was an active and devout member of Wheeler Hill Church of Christ, which she served faithfully for many years; and

WHEREAS, she was also deeply devoted to her family, and she always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Terry enjoyed the loving companionship of Thomas G. "Tommy" Terry, her husband of fifty-two years, and was the proud mother of Jennifer Terry and the treasured mother-in-law of Stephen Reel; and

WHEREAS, she is lovingly remembered by her sister, Sandra Fisher; her brother, William "Buster" Mills; her brother-in-law, Alfred Terry; her sisters-in-law, Sue Lewis and Margret Smith; her special aunt and uncle, James and Donna Boynton; her daughter at heart, Genese Sapp; her sister at heart, Jane Mills; and her many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Terry was preceded in death by her parents; her brother, Allen Mills; and her in-laws, Gordon and Theno Terry; and

WHEREAS, Carolyn Terry leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional public servant and human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED TENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Carolyn Mills Terry, reflecting fondly upon her impeccable character and her stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Carolyn Mills Terry.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.